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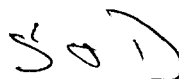
Re: **Support for Petition Docket No. 98P-0203/CP**
- Hens Used in the Egg Industry

Dear Sirs:

We urge you to support the above-referenced docket no. to protect hens used in the egg industry. These hens are starved for up to two weeks and are deprived of water for days at a time to "force molting" to increase egg productivity. This practice causes suffering and sometimes death to the hens and, in addition, makes these animals susceptible to salmonella infection and contaminated eggs.

We look forward to your comments.

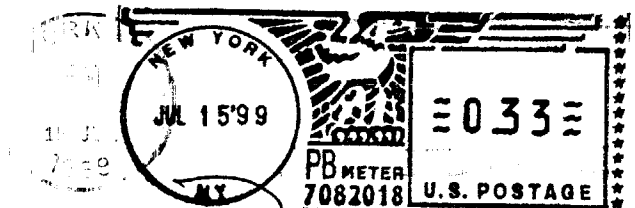
Sincerely,



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